

**Subject** Increase in total allowed swing bed days for critical access hospitals

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## Overview

A swing bed is a hospital bed in a critical access hospital that can be used to provide either acute care or post-hospital nursing facility-level care, as needed. This bill increases the total number of swing bed days per year for critical access hospitals, from 2,000 days per hospital per year to 9,125 days per hospital per year.

## Summary

| Section | Description   |
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| 1       | <p><b>Eligibility for license condition.</b></p> <p>Amends § 144.562, subd. 2. Increases the total number of swing bed days critical access hospitals are allowed per year, from 2,000 days per hospital per year to 9,125 days per hospital per year. Strikes paragraphs that allow the commissioner of health to approve swing bed use beyond 2,000 days in certain conditions, that allow a hospital to admit a limited number of additional patients to swing beds once the 2,000-day limit is reached without commissioner approval or being in violation of this section, and that allow a health system to allocate its total limit of swing bed days among the hospitals within the system.</p> |